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In re the Application of

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For: MEDIUM FOR DETECTING AND/OR IDENTIFYING MICROORGANISMS

**TRANSMITTAL OF POWER OF ATTORNEY AND
STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 3.73(b)**

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Submitted herewith is a Power of Attorney from the Assignee.

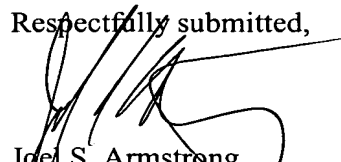
In compliance with 37 CFR §3.73(b), the undersigned hereby states that BIOMERIEUX is the assignee of the entire right, title and interest in the patent application identified above by virtue of an assignment from the inventors of the patent application identified above. A copy of the assignment is attached hereto and is concurrently being submitted for recordation.

The undersigned is authorized to act on behalf of the assignee.

In accordance with 37 CFR §1.36(a), submission of this Power of Attorney revokes any powers of attorney previously given.

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